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3 Newsmen Arrested**VIENTIANE, Feb. 24 (AP)—**

Laotian Army troops today arrested three Western newsmen who had made their way unannounced to the Government base at Long Cheng. They were later released to a United States Embassy official.

G. McMurtrie Godley, the United States Ambassador to Vientiane, said in a statement that "the American mission has lost any interest in helping out the press whatsoever because of what happened this afternoon." He did not elaborate.

The newsmen arrested were John Saar of Life magazine, Max Coiffait, of Agence France Press, and T. D. Allman, a part-time employee of The New York Times and The Bangkok Post.